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On the 21 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the records of the Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, directed by Dr. Ferdinand Vandiveer Hayden.

This Survey was authorized by an act of Congress March 2, 1867 (14 Stat. 470), which provided for a "geological survey of Nebraska, said survey to be prosecuted under the direction of the commissioner of the general land office." The scope of the act was extended by authority of Congress to include all the territories; and work was done in Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Colorado. Although Hayden's Survey was primarily geological, it included topography, geology, paleontology, ethnology, philology, botany, and related sciences.

The results of Hayden's Surveys were published in a series of volumes entitled *Bulletins of the United States Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, 1867-1883*. (The reports of 1867-1872 do not contain the word "geographical" in the title.)

The records described in this microcopy include: letters received, 1864, 1866-74, letters received, 1871-79; personal letters received, 1871-79; personal letters received chiefly from Fielding Bradford Meek, 1853-66, 1874-76; letters received from government agencies; letters received from persons in foreign countries; letters of application for positions, recommendations, and requests for publications, 1872-79; fiscal records, 1869-1880; and miscellaneous records relating to the Hayden Survey, 1867-79.

In addition to the records filmed there are a few field notebooks of geologists (including those of Henry Gannett and William Henry Holmes) operating with the Hayden Survey among the records of the United States Geological Survey. They have been integrated with a series of many thousands of such notebooks now in the National Archives. There are maps prepared by the Hayden Survey also in Record Group 57, Records of the Geological Survey. Glass plate negatives and prints made by William Henry Jackson, photographer with the Hayden Survey, showing western landscapes, views of the Yellowstone, the Tetons, and the Colorado Rockies, as well as of members of the Survey enroute and in camp, are included in Record Group 57, Records of the Geological Survey, and in Record Group 77, Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, Patents and Miscellaneous Division, includes letters received, 1869-1880, by the Secretary of the Interior from Professor Hayden. There are also photographs of the Hayden Survey in the Smithsonian Institution.

The records of the Hayden Survey are arranged in part alphabetically by name of person or country and in part chronologically.

The records reproduced in this microcopy are part of the records in the National Archives designated as Record Group 57, Records of the Geological Survey. The following microcopies are also available: Letters Sent by the United States Geological Survey, 1879-95, M-152; Letters Received by John Wesley Powell, Director of the Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region, 1869-79, M-156; Registers of Letters Received by the United States Geological Survey, 1879-1901, M-157; Letters Received by the United States Geological Survey 1879-1901, M-590; and Records of the Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel ("King Survey"), 1867-81, M-622.

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